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Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

1. Page 20, paragraph (d)

For the existing text substitute

(d) To accord observer status at the first session of the Conference of the Parties to all interested intergovernmental organizations previously accorded such status at sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, as listed in annex III to the present decision;

2. Pages 21, 22, and 23, annexes I, II and III

Replace by the attached texts.

3. Page 45

After paragraph 10 insert

"10 bis Decides that the head of the interim secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall have the possibility of using the Special Voluntary Fund, as appropriate, to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the second Conference of the Parties;

10 ter Decides further that the head of the interim secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall have the possibility of using the Trust Fund, as appropriate, to support (also) the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the second Conference of the Parties;

10 quattuor Requests the General Assembly to take necessary action to arrange for the Secretary-General to authorize the head of the interim secretariat to use the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund in accordance with paragraphs 10 bis and 10 ter above;".

Annex I

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY ACCREDITED TO SESSIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Those non-governmental organizations referred to in the following decisions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee: 1/1, 1/ 2/2, 3/1, 4/1, 5/1, 6/1, 7/1, 8/1, 9/1, 10/1 2/ and 10/15.

1/ Except for the Southern Africa Regional Commission for the Conservation and Utilization of the Soil (SARCCUS), which was accorded observer status as an intergovernmental organization by decision 2/3.

2/ A reservation was expressed after the adoption of this decision with respect to the non-governmental organization referred to in paragraph 10 of document A/AC.241/9/Add.13 and Corr.1, in terms of its participation in the Conference of the Parties.

Annex II

ADDITIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE ACCREDITED TO THE FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

These organizations will be found in document ICCD/COP(1)/8.

Annex III

INTERESTED INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY ACCORDED OBSERVER STATUS AT SESSIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

1. African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACPGS)
2. African Development Bank (ADB)
3. Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACTC)
4. Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)
5. Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD)
6. Asian African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC)
7. CAB International
8. Centre for Environment and Development, Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)
9. Commonwealth Secretariat
10. Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research/International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (CGIAR/ICRISAT)
11. Council of Europe
12. Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
13. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
14. League of Arab States
15. Organization of African Unity (OAU)
16. Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
17. Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)
18. Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)
19. Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
20. Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (RAMSAR)
21. Southern African Regional Commission for the Conservation and Utilization of Soil (SARCCUS)
22. Southern African Development Community (SADC)
23. Sovereign Military Order of Malta